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E.O. 11652:  
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SUBJ: WALDHEIM LETTER TO ARAFAT MAY 2

1. FOR INFORMATION OF ADDRESSEES WE HAVE OBTAINED A COPY  
FROM UN SOURCE OF WALDHEIM'S LETTER TO ARAFAT DATED MAY 2:

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

I RECALL WITH PLEASURE OUR MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO IN  
BEIRUT DURING WHICH YOU REAFFIRMED TO ME YOUR COMMITMENT  
TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING  
RESOLUTION 425 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ON MY RETURN TO  
NEW YORK I DESCRIBED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT SOME LENGTH  
OUR MEETING AND EXPRESSED MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MOST  
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UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATIVE ATTITUDE. I HAVE PARTICULARLY  
APPRECIATED YOUR ATTITUDE DURING THE VERY DELICATE PERIOD  
WHEN THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE HAS BEEN SETTling  
INTO ITS AREA OF OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

WITH THE PARTIAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WHICH TOOK PLACE ON  
SUNDAY, 30 APRIL, WE ARE ENTERING INTO ANOTHER PHASE OF

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425, AND I WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU MY CONCERN THAT THIS PHASE SHOULD GO AS SMOOTHLY AS THE PREVIOUS ONE, IN THIS REGARD I HAVE NOTED WITH REGRET SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE AND VARIOUS ARMED ELEMENTS APPARENTLY COMING FROM THE TYRE REGION, AND I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT IN SOME OF THESE INCIDENTS LIVES WERE LOST ON BOTH SIDES. IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT UNIFIL DOES NOT SEEK CONFRONTATION WITH ANY ARMED ELEMENTS AND WILL DO ITS BEST TO AVOID SUCH CONFRONTATION, SUBJECT OF COURSE TO THE FULFILLMENT OF ITS MANDATE. I AM SURE YOU FULLY AGREE WITH ME IN MY URGENT WISH TO AVOID SUCH HAPPENINGS IN THE FUTURE.

IN THIS CONNECTION I AM CONCERNED AT THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA IN WHICH IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE BY ARMED GROUPS IN THE TYRE AREA TO INFILTRATE THE UNIFIL AREA OF OPERATIONS. AS YOU KNOW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE, AS APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, STATE THAT THE FORCE "WILL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO AVOID THE RECURRENCE OF FIGHTING AND TO ENSURE THAT ITS AREA OF OPERATIONS IS NOT UTILIZED FOR HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF ANY KIND". THE SAME TERMS OF REFERENCE STATE THAT THE FORCE "WILL SUPERVISE THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, ENSURE THE PEACEFUL CHARACTER OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, CONTROL MOVEMENT AND TAKE ALL MEASURES DEEMED NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE EFFECTIVE RESTORATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY".

I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I AM OBLIGED TO RESPECT THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE HAS STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO CARRY THEM OUT. ON YOUR SIDE I UNDERSTAND THE PREOCCUPATION THAT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WITH THE VALIDITY OF THE CAIRO AGREEMENT. THIS IS A MATTER WHICH CLEARLY CAN ONLY BE CLARIFIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON ITSELF.

I THEREFORE ASK YOU TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO AVOID MOVES WHICH MAY RISK CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES UNTIL THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN CLARIFIED. I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT I WISH TO PUT THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION TO YOU PERSONALLY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME SO THAT THE NECESSARY MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN TO AVOID NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

WITH BEST REGARD  
YOURS SINCERELY,  
KURT WALDHEIM  
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